GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken action for implementing the Directions of Hon`ble Supreme Court for rehabilitation of child workers engaged in different industries;

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon;

(c) whether the bonded child labour is increasing day by day in the country almost in all the industries; and

(d) if so, the details and the steps taken to prevent exploitation of child labour?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): In pursuance of the directives of the Supreme Court, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has been overseeing the enforcement of directives of the Hon`ble Supreme Court on child labour including rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work in hazardous occupations.

(c): The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 does not make any difference between child and adult bondage. The Act also does not make any distinction amongst bonded labour on the basis of sex, caste, creed etc. As such, separate data on the number of children bonded is not reported by the State Governments.

(d): Does not arise in view of reply given in part (c) above.